

## DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. What has stood out for you in this study about God's love and His command that we love one another?

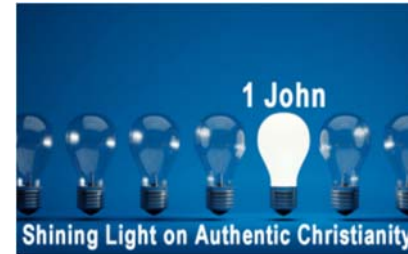
How do you see that knowledge changing what you will do or how you will live from this time forward?

12. What are the implications for us as a group in God's command that we love one another?

How can we better live out this command?

### Prayer Requests

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May 6, 2018

Living with  
Relational Discernment  
1 John 4:7-21

Love is the T\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ of Authentic Spiritual Influence

1. Love was revealed for a P\_\_\_\_\_ – that we might L\_\_\_\_\_

2. We know we L\_\_\_\_\_ in God when we C\_\_\_\_\_  
the W\_\_\_\_\_ story about Jesus

3. Love's C\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ in us produces  
a life transforming C\_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Influencers who L\_\_\_\_\_ have an impact on  
the W\_\_\_\_\_ and on O\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

What should I do with what I've heard today?

## GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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## THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. When you were growing up, did your family place any expectations on you simply because you were a family member (i.e., working in the family business, participating in certain events, completing chores, etc.)?

2. What are some central values you learned from your family of origin?

## DIGGING DEEPER

READ 1 JOHN 4:7-12

3. John described love as a key trait of the Christian. Why must this be the case?

4. What does this Christian love look like and do you see it as different from all others? Explain.

5. What does it mean that Jesus is the “atoning sacrifice for our sins” (see 1 John 2:2 and 2 Corinthians 5:21)?

In what sense is this a loving act?

6. If our salvation was based upon our love for God, could we ever be certain of our salvation? Explain.

READ 1 JOHN 4:13-21

7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in our love for God?

What about in our love for others?

8. What are some of the ways God’s love is seen living in us by the world around us (or should be seen)?

How do we do this as individuals, and how do we do this as a church body?

9. While God’s love has the power to drive out all fear, John spoke specifically about the fear of the Day of Judgment. How does God’s love eliminate fears about death, the end times, and God’s judgment?

10. What is supposed to be the Christian’s motivation to love others (v. 19)?

What are some false or inappropriate motivations for loving others that people have from time to time?